



**Section on Clinical Psychology  
La Section de la psychologie clinique**

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**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting**

**June 3, 2010  
Winnipeg, MB**

**Attendees:** Peter Bieling, Jessica Dere, David Dozois, Sophia Fanourgiakis, Patricia Furer, Jennifer Garinger, Lesley Graff, David Hodgins, John Hunsley, Mark Lau, Liz Nilsen, Matilda Nowakowski, John Pearce, Andrew Ryder, John Walker, Margo Watt, Pamela Woodman.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Mark Lau called the meeting to order. The agenda for the June 3, 2010 Annual Business Meeting was approved as written. Moved by Lesley Graff; seconded by Patricia Furer; motion carried.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 11, 2009 ABM were approved as circulated. Moved by Patricia Furer; seconded by Peter Bieling; motion carried.

**3. Report from the Chair (Mark Lau)**

***Section Executive***

The Executive Committee for 2009-2010 included: Mark Lau (Chair), John Pearce (Past-Chair), Patricia Furer (Chair-Elect), Margo Watt (Secretary-Treasurer), Andrew Ryder (Member-at-Large), and Jessica Dere (Student Member). The executive had two teleconference meetings (October 2009 and April 2010) and two in-person meetings (June 2009 in Montreal and January 2010 in Montreal), as well as regular email correspondence and phone contact throughout the year.

***Section Initiatives and Activities***

The Clinical Section has continued its advocacy for the profession including co-sponsoring (with CPA) a pre-convention workshop (*Advocating for the Science and Practice of Psychology: The How, What, When, Where and Whys*) (N=18 participants), designating \$5000 for advocacy purposes (still discussing how best to spend this money), and the institution of the new Scientist-Practitioner Early Career Award (\$1000). The Clinical Section has continued its support of students including conference travel awards and a new Educational Activity Student Grant of \$2000. The Section has had continued involvement with CPA Board including representatives to the Professional Affairs Committee and the Prescription Privilege Task Force (Kerry Mothersill); work on CPA website and archiving of past information. With regard to the present convention program, the Clinical Section has sponsored a public lecture and Master Clinician

Workshop (John Walker), a student symposium, pre-convention workshop on advocacy, and co-sponsored (with Counselling Section) a talk by Dr. Hodgins.

The Section continues to strive to improve communication with its membership in a number of ways including the enhanced electronic newsletter. On behalf of the Section, Mark Lau expressed his appreciation to Drs. Bernstein and Watt for their ongoing contribution as co-editors of the newsletter, accompanied by a monetary token of appreciation.

#### **4. Report from the Secretary-Treasurer (Margo Watt)**

##### ***Membership report***

As of June 1, 2010, the Clinical Section has 1054 members (387 students). Margo explained that this represents the first decline in membership in the past ten years but suggested that it probably reflects the effect of the World Congress being held concurrently in Boston, as well as a regression to the mean. According to Margo, since 2001, the membership increased by about 10% per year until 2008 and 2009 in which the membership showed about a significantly greater increase (~25%).

##### ***Financial Statement, June 11, 2009 – June 3, 2010***

The Clinical Section continues to be in a solid position financially. The 2009-2010 year-end financial statement indicated that there is \$23,587.10 in the chequing account and \$11,672.50 in the 5-year Stepper GIC. The total assets of the Clinical Section are \$35,259.60.

##### ***Proposed Budget, 2010-2011***

The proposed budget for 2010-2011 was reviewed. Total income is projected to be about \$13,000.00 with total expenses expected to be in the range of \$21,100.00. Trish Furer moved that the proposed budget be accepted; seconded by Mark Lau; motion carried.

#### **5. Report from the Student Representative (Jessica Dere)**

Jessica reported on her efforts to enhance contact with student members via the Clinical and Student Section Listserv servers, as well as the student column in the Newsletter.

##### ***Clinical Section Travel Award***

She reported that there were only four eligible applicants for the Clinical Section Travel Award. One student was to receive \$700, and two students representing distant regions of the country would receive \$400 each.

##### ***Clinical Section Student Grant***

Jessica reported that there had been seven applicants for the two Clinical Section Student Educational Activity Grants. One award was for \$2000 and the other was for \$1000; the additional \$1000 was made possible because of money left over from previous year. Summaries of the award recipients' projects will be included in the Fall Newsletter.

### ***Clinical Section Student Symposium***

Jessica also reported on the inaugural Student Symposium, which was to be held on Saturday afternoon. The focus of the symposium was examining individual differences in substance use disorder (in keeping with the theme of the keynote speaker) and it was to include four graduate student presentations.

## **5. Report from the Member-at-Large (Andrew Ryder)**

### ***Fact Sheets***

Andrew Ryder reported that the fact sheets have been taken over by CPA. Apparently, at present, all 50 fact sheets have been composed by Clinical Section members. Andrew indicated that a new fact sheet on bullying and being bullied is forthcoming. He also indicated that it is still difficult to access the fact sheets online and that, at times, it has been possible for anyone to modify the fact sheets.

### ***Scientist Practitioner Early Career Award***

Andrew reported on the introduction of the new Scientist Practitioner Early Career Award for the Clinical Section. This award was designed to recognize individuals within ten years of graduating and licensure who have demonstrated outstanding performance in one domain (research and/or practice), solid proficiency in the other, and evidence of integration across the two domains. The first award recipient is Dr. Christine Chambers from Dalhousie University and IWK, Halifax, NS. Dr. Chambers sent her regret for not being able to receive the award (\$1000) in person but offered to do a talk at next year's convention in Toronto.

## **7. Report from the Chair-Elect (Patricia Furer)**

### ***Submissions to the 2010 CPA Annual Convention***

Trish reviewed the submissions for CPA 2010. She noted that there were fewer submissions than last year: 80 (vs. 119) poster submissions; 6 (vs. 5) workshop submissions; 2 (vs. 6) theory review submissions; 6 (vs. 12) symposia submissions; and 2 (vs. 7) conversation sessions.

Trish expressed appreciation to the 17 individuals from across Canada who reviewed this year's submissions:

Carolyn Abramowitz	Maxine Holmqvist
Peter Bieling	Corey MacKenzie
Phillippe Cappeliez	Randi McCabe
Susan Graham	Patricia Petrie
Lesley Graff	Christine Purdon
Heather Hadjistavropoulos	Adam Radomsky
Diane Hiebert-Murphy	Margo Watt
Peter Hoaken	Kristi Wright
David Hodgins	

## ***Section Awards***

### ***Clinical Section Fellow 2010***

In recognition of his important contributions to clinical psychology and the Clinical Section, the Section awarded the status of Fellow to three individuals: Dr. Gord Asmundson from the University of Regina, Dr. Deborah Dobson from the Alberta Health Services, and Dr. John Walker from the University of Winnipeg. Profiles of the new Fellows will appear in the Fall newsletter.

- ***Clinical Section Ken Bowers Award for Student Research***

The 2010 Ken Bowers Award for Student Research was awarded to Ms. Matilda Nowakowski from McMaster and Ryerson Universities for her meritorious submission entitled: *“Joint attention in parent-child dyads involving children with selective mutism and anxiety disorders and community controls”*

Trish thanked the individuals who reviewed this year’s submissions for the Ken Bowers Award: Dr. Tim Aubry, Dr. Lachlan McWilliams, and Ms. Jessica Dere

## **8. Report from the Past Chair (John Pearce)**

### ***Clinical Section Executive Elections***

Peter Bieling was elected by acclamation to the position of Chair-Elect of the Clinical Section Executive for 2010-2011. Liz Nilsen was elected by acclamation to the position of member-at-Large of the Clinical Section Executive for 2010-2012. Congratulations and warm welcome was extended to the two new executive members.

## **9. Thank You to Outgoing Members (Mark Lau)**

On behalf of the Clinical Section, Mark Lau conveyed our sincere gratitude to John Pearce and Andrew Ryder for their considerable contribution to the Executive (most recently as Past-Chair and Member-at-Large, respectively).

## **10. Calls for Proposals for Winnipeg 2010 (Mark Lau)**

Members were encouraged to propose speakers/topics for the 2010 CPA Convention which is to be held in Toronto. This includes ideas for a keynote speaker, pre-convention workshop, master clinician workshop, public lecture, and symposia.

## **11. Adjournment (Mark Lau)**

The meeting was adjourned. Mark Lau moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by John Pearce.

Submitted by

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Secretary-Treasurer, CPA Clinical Section